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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, 121, Holborn Hill, E.C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1849.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognised by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 8,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BRANCH.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHIEF DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—AD. ANDRÉ, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—E. R. BELLING, Esq.
J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. FOSBERG, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SARSOON, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, E. WEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BRANCH.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, January 27, 1876.

TAKASIMA COILLERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. Large Handpicked, Double-sorted at \$5 per Ton. Small, at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to T. G. GLOVER.

No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point, Hongkong, December 9, 1875.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I Have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPEAUX will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company.

By Order of the Directors,
C. BERTRAND,
Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr. SIDNEY DRACON in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last.

Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1876. mof

NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.

E. MEYER & Co.
Tientsin, January 1876. fcl8

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELIAS SARSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SARSOON & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1876. mof

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, marked on the cover, "Tenders for Army Contracts," will be Received by the Undersigned until Noon on SATURDAY, the 19th Inst., for the undermentioned SUPPLIES AND SERVICES required by the War Department at Hongkong and Outposts, during the year from the 1st April, 1876, to the 31st Mar., 1877, viz:—

1.—For Her Majesty's Troops:—Provisions, Fuel and Light, &c., &c.
2.—For Hospitals:—Provisions, Vines, Porter, Ale, Spirits, &c., &c.
3.—Washing and Repairing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Clothing; Repairing Utensils.
4.—Cleaning the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments, and other Scavenging work; also Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, &c.; Sweeping Chimneys, Flues and Stove Pipes.
5.—Cleaning Nullahs.

There will be separate Tender for each of the five items. No tender will be accepted from any person in Government employ.

Samples of certain of the articles required, in accordance with which supplies must be furnished, can be seen at this office; where also Forms of Tender (no other than those issued by the Department will be recognized), conditions of contract, Specification and plan of the Scavenging Contract, and any further information that may be required, can be obtained upon application between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

C. H. SHERRINGTON,
Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Controller.

Control Office,
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl9

TENDERS are invited up to the 10th Instant, at Noon, for Hauling up for Examination and making the necessary Repairs to the British Barque *Yama* (V.L.R. 1010). Also for the supply of such Yellow Metal and Nails (dunnies) as may be required.

Apply to Capt. McPHERSON.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl9

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875, the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors, and Auditors; also to declare a Dividend.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fcl28

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th Instant, both days included.

By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fcl29

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders in the Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 17th current, at Two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 8, 1876. fcl17

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 17th current, (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 8, 1876. fcl17

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER 1875, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Hongkong, January 17, 1876. fcl17

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 17th February Next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Hongkong, January 17, 1876. fcl17

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 18th February Next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 18th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 28, 1876. fcl18

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 1876.

THE ANNUAL Flower, Fruit, and Vegetable Show will be held in the PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 18th and 19th Instants.

Open to Visitors on each day at 2 p.m. Intending Exhibitors are invited to send Plants in Pots on the 17th Instant, and Vegetables and Out Flowers before 10 a.m. on the 18th Instant. By kind permission of the Colonel and Officers of H. M.'s 28th Regiment, the Band will play.

Admission.—50 cents, by Tickets obtainable at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, or by Payment at the Gates.

Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fcl18

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 4% or \$3 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after THURSDAY, the 27th Instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLO-NIAL MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASSWARE, PLATED-WARE, PIANO, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Idle Wild," owing to change of residence.

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pier Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble-top Tables, Book Case, Dining Table, Side Board, Whatnots, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

And
A Cottage PIANO.
Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. fcl22

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK PHETON AND PAIR OF PONIES.

A FINE COLLECTION OF FERNS, CAMELLIAS, ROSES, AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 28th February, 1876, at Noon, at "DUART," CAINE ROAD.

The Residence of the Honourable T. C. HAYLIE, Esq.,—

The whole of his Handsome and Substantially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising,—

Handsomely Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES, Mahogany Maroon Morocco Covered COUCHES and CHAIRS, Covered Bombay Blackwood COUCHES, and FLOWER STANDS, Inlaid Ormolu CHEFFONIER, and Japanese CABINETS, Handsome Mantelpiece MIRRORS, OIL PAINTINGS, CHROMO-LITHOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, CARPETS, Window Curtains, Gilt Cornices, Gasaliers, Aquariums, Bronze and Porcelain VASES.

Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crockery Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Whatnots, Chairs, Clocks, Plated Candlesticks.

Handsome GILT BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobe, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstand, Toilet Glasses, Cheval Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Lamps, &c., &c.

A SEMI-GRAND PIANO by J. BRADWOOD & Sons, made expressly to stand this Climate.

One 4-wheeled PARK PHETON, by LANE, with a pair of WHITE PONIES, and a Couple Set SILVER MOUNTED HARNESSES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS, Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Carriage and Ponies, and the Plants will be sold at 4 o'clock.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on MONDAY, the 27th February, 1876.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. fcl23

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.

THE French OPERA COMIQUE TROUPE, lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and SAIGON, Will give their last Performance but one, on

Thursday Next,
February 17th, 1876.

"Mr. Chouffeur restera chez lui."

Operette Bouffe, Music by Offenbach.

Chouffeur,.....Mr. Pontet

Babilas,.....Mr. Legros

Ernestine,.....Madame Dorila

"LES NOCES DE JEANNETTE,"

Opera Comique Music by Victor Massé.

Jeannette,.....Mr. Legros

Amesbury,.....Madame Dorila

Admission.—Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2; Back Seats, \$1.

Doors open at 8 o'clock. Performances to commence at 9.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KERR & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE THIRD CONCERT of the Season will be given in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY EVENING, February 22nd, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Tickets may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after SATURDAY NEXT.

ROBERT G. ALFORD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl20

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI
Taking Cargo at through rates for TIENTSIN, CHEFOO and NEWOHANG.

The Steamship "THALES,"

Captain COLES, will leave for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

Despatches will close at 11.30 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fcl18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG,"

Captain FRYMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl17

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "LORD OF THE ISLES,"

will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl17

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ULYSSES,"

will be despatched on or about the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876. fcl17

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN,"

Captain S. PARK, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1876. fcl18

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after **TUESDAY** Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
Wool Plaids and Flannels.
Silks and Poplins.
Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.
Fancy Wool Goods.
Lace and Linen Sets.
Scarves and Sashes.
Boys' Suits.
Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, \$18 " " " "
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKY.
\$12 per case (1 dozen).
For Sale by **HEARD & Co.**
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.
BARTON'S PATENT
COMPOSITION PAINT,
For Ship's Bottoms.
Sole Agents for China,
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

ON SALE.
THE
CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological and General Literary Reference,
by **WILLIAM FREDERICK MATTHEW.**
Price: \$3.
Shanghai, Kailat & Co.
Hongkong, "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH SHIP CARRIERS, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl7

S. S. LORD OF THE ISLES,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, by Mr. A. McO. HEARON, into the Godowns of Messrs Gilman & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,**
Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fcl22

GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA,"
TICHOEY, Master, FROM HAMBURG
VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godown of the Under-signed, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until 12 o'clock on the 18th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **WM. PUSTAU & Co.,**
Agents.
Hongkong, January 14, 1876. fcl24

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barkette **IRIS**, Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **WM. PUSTAU & Co.,**
Agents.
Hongkong, January 3, 1876.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH SHIP GREYS, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

BRITISH BARK MARINA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.
Ex Donat, July 2, 1874.
FD 1/35 85 cases Beer.
Ex Iracouady, November 22, 1875.
AB No. 5 1 case Merchandise.
Ex Anadyr, January 16, 1876.
HM 100 bales Cotton.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE STEAMSHIP "CHINKIANG,"
J. Hoge, Master, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 18th Instant, at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.,**
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. fcl6

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA,"
FICHMEIER, Master, will be despatched as above on **THURSDAY**, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to **WM. PUSTAU & Co.,**
Agents.
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. fcl7

OFFICERS' MESS, 28th REGT.

THE Officers 28th Regt. will not hold themselves responsible for any Debts contracted by their Messman.
By Order,
FRANCIS E. WEBB,
Capt. & Mess President.
Murray Barracks,
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. fcl23

WANTED, TO CHARTER, A VESSEL

to carry 800 to 900 Tons large Takasima Coal, either from Hongkong or Nagasaki to Providence Bay, Behring's Straits, in Lat. 64 deg. 25m. 30.7a. N., Long. 173 deg. 17m. 15.5a. W. To arrive about 12th June.

Tenders cannot be received after 25th Instant.

For Particulars, apply, between 9 and 11 a.m., to **Captain NOVOSILSKY,**
H.R.M.S. "VADNICK,"
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. fcl22

HOTEL DES COLONIES, SHANGHAI.

LES Propriétaires de l'Hotel des Colonies ont l'honneur d'informer M. M. les Voyageurs qu'ils viennent d'annexer à leur restaurant, dont le haut renom est si bien connu, une nouvelle maison, y adjoignant, qui leur permet d'offrir des Chambres Splendides réunissant tout le confortable, désirable, Chambres pour familles, Salles de Bains, &c., &c.

Voitures à la disposition de M. M. les Voyageurs. La Salle de Billard et la Barre sont complètement séparées de l'Hotel qui est une sécurité pour le bien-être des visiteurs.

Les soins les plus minutieux apportés dans tous les services sont une garantie pour M. M. les Voyageurs dont le patronage est sollicité.

A. SOISSON & Co.,
Propriétaires.
Shanghai, le 10 Février, 1876. mar15

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE S.S. "GREAT REPUBLIC" will leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 16th March, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; values of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agents of the Company, **FRANK WATSON,**
3, B. MORY, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. fcl15

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 14, *Nicolaus*, German barque, 320, Ahlmann, Keelung Feb. 10, Coal.—Arrived, KARBURG & Co.
Feb. 15, *Malacca*, British steamer, 1600, Bernard, Yokohama Feb. 8 (6.20 a.m.), Malle and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Feb. 15, *Yangchow*, Chinese steamer, 661, Gibbon, Joochow Feb. 11, Amoy 12, Swatow 14, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
Feb. 15, *Chinkiang*, from Canton.
Feb. 15, *Asakusa*, British barque, 233, O. Blokey, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Dec. 29, Coal.—EDWARD SCHLESSE & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 15, *Hailong*, for Coast Ports.
15, *City of Peking*, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
15, *Africa*, for Hilo.
16, *Anna*, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Pardo, for Saigon.
Chinkiang, for Shanghai.
Thales, for Shanghai.
Fenedo, for Saigon.
Little Orphan, for Newchwang.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Malacca*, from Yokohama, for Hongkong, Sir Harry and Lady Parkes, and servant, Mr and Mrs Roper, and 19 deck. For Southampton, Messrs Somita, A. Foot, and J. Oppius.
Per *Yangchow*, Mr Mungard, and 40 Chinese.
Per *Nautilus*, Mrs Blokey, child, and servant.

DEPARTED.—Per *City of Peking*, for Yokohama, Mrs F. Goddard, Messrs Joaquim Peres da Silva and H. J. Such, and one European. For San Francisco, Mrs Hallie and two infants, Prof. A. Morel, wife and two infants, Messrs J. T. Frodox, J. J. Ray, W. H. Lane, F. E. Foster, and J. B. Stuart, 2 European and 1, 014 Chinese.
Per *Hailong*, 50 Chinese.
Per *City of Peking*, 423 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque *Nicolaus* reports light N.E. winds and heavy sea with fine weather the whole passage.

The Chinese steamer *Yangchow* reports moderate monsoon and cloudy throughout. In Foochow: Douglas, in Amoy: Formosa, in Swatow: Norma and Yeno. Passed a three-masted steamer off Chapel Island bound North.

The P. & O. steamer *Malacca* reports from Yokohama to Rook Island had moderate N.W. breeze and fine clear weather, thence to Oosima strong S.W. breeze and sea. Oosima to St. Clara light breeze and fine weather, St. Clara to Oosaka Island light variable winds and dull cloudy weather. On making Oosaka experienced thick weather, thence to port fresh N.E. winds and clear weather.

The British barque *Nautilus* reports: had fresh N.E. winds to lat. 22 S., thence to the Equator light variable winds and calm. Crossed the Equator in long. 165 E. on the 27th January, and thence to port had fresh N.E. and E. winds.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.
For SINGAPORE.—
Per *H.M.S. HIMALAYA*, at 8 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th Inst.
For SHANGHAI, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th Instant.
For SWATOW.—
Per *RIGAT*, at 10.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th Inst., instead of as previously notified.
For RAJAH, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th Instant, instead of as previously notified.
For SHANGHAI.—
Per *THALES*, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 16th Instant.
For SAIGON.—
Per *ESTEPONA*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 16th Inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—
Per *KWANGTUNG*, at 5 p.m. Wednesday, the 16th Inst.
For SHANGHAI.—
Per *LORD OF THE ISLES*, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th Inst.
For SINGAPORE, SOMERSET, COOK-TOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOWEN, ROCKHAMPTON, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, TASMANIA AND MELBOURNE.—
Per *BOWEN*, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, the 18th Inst.
For COOKTOWN.—
Per *NAMOA*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 19th Inst.
For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—
Per *CASSANDRA*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 19th Instant.
For SAIGON.—
The *ASIA* is postponed till further notice.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Packet Packet *GWALIOR*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on **THURSDAY**, the 17th Instant.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 16th Inst.
6 p.m. Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 17th Inst.
9 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1876. fcl7

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Packet Packet *DIEMIAH*, will be despatched with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Gallipoli, Australia, New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria.
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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17:
Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall.
3 p.m.—Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.
4 p.m.—*Bellona* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—*Lord of the Isles* leaves for Shanghai.
9 p.m.—Opera Comique at City Hall.
Ulysses leaves for London on or about this date.

FRIDAY, Feb. 18:
Noon.—*Bowen* leaves for Cooktown, Sydney and Melbourne.
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
2 p.m.—Horticultural Show in Public Gardens.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

SATURDAY, Feb. 19:
Noon.—*Namoa* leaves for Cooktown (direct).
Noon.—Tenders for Army Contracts received by the Assistant Controller.
Tenders for the Repairs of the British Bark *James Vincemore*, will be received by Capt. McPherson up to Noon.
2 p.m.—Horticultural Show.
2 p.m.—*Cassandra* leaves for Singapore and Penang.

MONDAY, Feb. 21:
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

TUESDAY, Feb. 22:
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at *Idle Wild*.
9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.
Goods per *Lord of the Isles* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23:
Ly-ee-moon leaves for Cooktown and Sydney.

THURSDAY, Feb. 24:
Goods per *Bellona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Hongkong Races.—First Day.

FRIDAY, Feb. 25:
Second Day.
SATURDAY, Feb. 26:
Third Day.

MONDAY, Feb. 28:
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, at Club Chambers.
Claims against the Estate of George Barry Falconer, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

TUESDAY, Feb. 29:
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at "Duart," at Caine Road.

WEDNESDAY, March 1:
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Oceanic* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, March 15:
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 1:
Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonds or Interests on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:
Claims against the Estate of Diederich Heimsolt, Querrino Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MONDAY, July 31:
Claims against the Estates of Gustav Töbler, Edward Parker, Edward Richard Handley, Kwong Thau, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung See Fan, Man Chan, and a Chinaman, name unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

10 a.m.—*Chinkiang* leaves for Shanghai.
Noon.—*Thales* leaves for Shanghai.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.10 p.m.

BIRTHS.

At T-kio, on the 24th January, the Wife of the Rev. JOHN PIERCE, of a Daughter.
At the Russian Legation, Tokio, on 2nd February, MARIANE DE STRUVE, of a Daughter.
At Yokohama, on the 1st February, Mrs ROBERT JOHNSTON, of a Son.

DEATH.

At Kobe, on January 27th, ORSAMUS H. son of Rev. LUTHER H. GUNION, M.D., aged 8 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 1876.

FRIDAY and Saturday next will be devoted to an exhibition which deserves the warmest support of the Colony, and will, we trust, meet with proper support.

The attendance at the Annual fruit, flower and vegetable show has not hitherto been sufficiently large to justify very sanguine expectations on the part of its Committee, but it may be hoped that the many facts tending to show that the temporary nature of foreign residence in this Colony is year by year undergoing modifications, will result in the exhibition of a little more interest than has as yet been shown. The success of this useful fête means something more than the gaining of insignificant prizes by those who take a genuine and practical interest in horticultural matters. It means better flowers and better vegetables for those who regard the matter from its most probable aspect, and better gardens for those who own or occupy the smallest strip of land which can be

devoted to the cultivation of plants. Nor should the zeal and energy of those who have sacrificed a good deal of time to ensure its success be overlooked. An appreciation of their labours can only be evinced by personal attendance on the part of the public, and as the question of expense does not stand in the way, this appreciation should be cordially shown. We understand that in some respects the coming show is likely to put its predecessors in the shade, although of course there are failures in certain details which it was hoped would have materially added to the success of the fête. Mr Ford has earned so good a name that anything exhibited under his own supervision is likely to be worth seeing. But he must of course rely a good deal on outside support, and we should like to see that more generally accorded than it has yet been. Could not arrangements be made next year to hold the fête in the New Gardens, so that the charming ferneries which he has planted might be utilized as a portion of the show? As now arranged, a little more room and variety would be desirable; and this, we fancy, would be gained by the adoption of our suggestion. If the public show that they appreciate the efforts now made, we feel sure that no efforts will be wanting on the part of the Garden Committee or Superintendent to make its successors as perfect as may be.

A CASE of considerable interest to residents in Hongkong has recently come before the notice of the Singapore Supreme Court. The men concerned were hack-garry-drivers, and although the class in question is unrepresented in our hilly Colony, the principles involved in the dispute affect the residents of Hongkong as much as those of Singapore. It appears that in September last, a petition against the police was presented to the Straits Government, signed by certain Hack-owners and Byces. On the day of its presentation no hack carriages could be obtained, "the owners and eyes alleging that they dared not ply for hire, lest their carriages should be broken, and some of them made complaints to this effect to the police. Inquiries were instituted, with the result that a charge of criminal intimidation was brought against certain hack-owners, and the case was sent by the Police Magistrate to the Assizes." Well-known Counsel appeared for the defence, the Crown Prosecutor stating the case against the defendants. In the course of hearing it was elicited that on the 14th September, certain of the witnesses came to the houses of the witnesses and told them not to use their carriages next day, as their case was to be heard, and that, if they did, their carriages would be smashed. Their eyes also refused to go out with their carriages on the 15th September, and some of them who wished to use their own carriages took off the numbers. The case was very fully gone into, and finally three of the defendants were found guilty, the rest being discharged. The Chief Justice's remarks in passing sentence certainly deserve to be ranked amongst the curiosities of legal utterances.

He commences by observing that the offences with which the prisoners were charged only "just fell" within the scope of criminal offences. His Lordship of Singapore, with a disregard of even Asiatic opinion on such matters, remarks with a naïveté, which would be charming if it were not lamentable, says that it was a question whether such an act would be considered an offence at all under English law, and whether it would not at home be considered a subject for civil remedy only! It is perfectly evident that the cases heard at home during the past twelve months have been thrown away on Sir Thomas Sidgreaves. So far from threats to destroy the means of livelihood of artisans or other workmen being held not criminal, it has been most clearly laid down that such threats constitute a criminal act of the gravest nature; and we can recall one case in which the vaguest threats against a tailor, in which the reputation of his fellow-workmen only was held out, were held to justify a very severe sentence. It must be admitted that the Chief Justice of Singapore passed a sentence somewhat at variance with his exordium, and that justice did not palpably suffer at his hands. The prime mover in the affair was fined \$800, or in default of payment, 6 months' simple imprisonment. The other two were fined \$100 each, or six weeks' simple imprisonment—penalties which were probably sufficiently heavy. But one cannot help asking, if the punishments in question were light owing to the doubts existing in his Lordship's mind as to the criminality of the defendants, what sentences he would have passed had he been fully satisfied of their guilty responsibility.

The affair has, however, a lesson for us, and that lesson is that when guilds such as washermen, &c., conspire to prevent individual members from working for Europeans, a \$800 fine would much more adequately meet the case than a sentence of one week's imprisonment, and the infliction of a fine varying from 25 cents to 25 dollars. Besides, there have seldom been any doubts as to those expressed by the Singapore Chief Justice, in similar cases, here. Neither Magistrates nor Judges have failed to consider cases of intimidation as criminal offences, and there has been therefore no excuse on this score. We sincerely trust that a consideration of what at Singapore is deemed an almost nominal punishment will have some effect on our local bench. Five hundred dollars is an appetible fine even to a local trade guild, and six months' im-

prisonment is an inconvenience even to a washerman. Such a scale of punishment would probably prove deterrent even in Hongkong, and it will, we hope, be adopted should cases similar to those already heard again come before those who administer our law.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Press observes that one of the gravest problems in American politics is undoubtedly that of the naturalization of Chinese immigrants in the United States. Referring to the difficulty presented by the fact that the spirit of the constitution and the practical feeling of the people widely differ; it thinks that the latter will have to give way. "The Government can scarcely keep the Chinese away by force. Chinese labour has proved in the past one great mainstay of the prosperity of the Pacific States, and were it withdrawn the result would be most disastrous. The only remedy that can be devised is to allow the Chinese to naturalize as citizens, but impose a condition that they shall not vote for a certain number of years, until they shall have become acquainted with the customs of the country, and know how to exercise their vote honestly and properly. Of course, it is morally certain that many Chinamen would sell their vote as soon as they found it had a market value, but this is no more than many of their Caucasian friends do, and if they are caught in the act of making it a marketable commodity they ought to be deprived of it altogether. The problem is a difficult one, but California must exercise faith and patience. Most nations have their political puzzles.—It refers also to some experiments made by a Professor Kolbe to preserve water pure and fresh by filling new barrels with good water, and adding to some of them small quantities of salicylic acid, one gramme to twenty litres of water being the maximum. The subject is, it says, of such importance as to merit public attention. The water experimented with is to be examined at the expiration of a year's voyage.

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.

The Chinese Mail comments on the prohibition of gambling by the Canton Viceroy. It thinks the measures are too stringent, inasmuch as dominoes and cards come within their operation. It suggests that some distinction should be made between public gambling and friendly games by way of pastime.

The Chung Ngai San Po (the Chinese issue of the *Daily Press*) while recording recent telegrams from England, lauds Mr. Disraeli for his foresight in the purchase of the Suez Canal shares. It thinks the idea of a universal disarmament suggested by Germany is a good one, but the question is which country is to disarm first.

The Universal Circulating Herald comments favourably on the action of the Foochow authorities in the opening of the Formosan Coal mines. Coal is absolutely necessary if China desires to build steamers and arsenals.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The S. S. Burmese has gone into Kowloon Dock.

The small gunboat *Fusheng* will leave on Thursday for Canton, where she will be inspected by the Viceroy.

We note the arrival, per P. & O. Str. *Malacca*, of Sir Harry and Lady Parkes, and are sorry to learn that our popular representative at Yedo has been compelled to seek the change on account of weak health.

The 50th Regiment embarked at 1 p.m. from the Naval Yard. Headed by its band, it left the Murray Barracks at 12.30, and was repeatedly cheered as farewell greetings were exchanged. *The Himalaya* leaves at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

The P. & O. steamer *Lombardy*, with the English mails of January 7th, arrived this evening about six o'clock; but, as previously notified, the mails would not be ready for delivery for fully three hours thereafter.

The O. & C. steamer *Ossanti*, was also signalled as we went to press.

We have been favoured with a few further particulars respecting the burning of the Chinese steamer *Houkang*. The machinery was not injured, nor was the hull of the ship. The fore and after holds were also free from injury, but the main hold, as well as the iron plating of the engine room, was much burnt. The galleys were all destroyed, while the wood-work of other parts of the ship was partially consumed. The repairs will cost 10,000 taels. A very small portion of cargo was burnt, but the peas, wheat and rice were much damaged by water. The insurance has been promptly paid. The fire was caused by the steam pipe from the small boiler, next to the bulkhead of the hold, overheating.

ing the cotton. A telegram has since been received by the agents here, stating that the damaged goods had been sold by public auction, and realized 15,000 taels.

In view of the war fever in Japan, it may be interesting to know the transport resources at the disposal of the Japanese Government. The *Japan Gazette* publishes a list of the vessels now owned by the Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co.,—the subsidized company corresponding with the China Merchants' S. N. Co. in China. Many of the thirty-six steamers named hereunder are admittedly rather aged; but it may strike many of our readers as a surprising and significant fact that the two fleets now possessed by the imperial steam-companies referred to should have been got together during the last ten or fifteen years. We subjoin the foreign names of the Mitsui Bishi steamers:—New York, Costa Rica, Oregonian, Golden Age, Nevada (Charter), Nohar, Lelta, Madras, Charles Albert, Sumida, Min, Yen Tai, Muriel, Acantha, Shaftesbury, Luzon, Kiu-Shiu, Chih-Li, Columbine, Nymph, Bahama, Dambarton, Neptun, Undine, Vulcan, Oola, City of Hankow, Coquette, Atlanta, Ellen Hood, Shooey-Lea, Mowtan, Migoto, Oriana, Tazru, and Kathleen.

An incident connected with the destruction of the *Houwang's* cargo is thus told by the *Courier*:—We are assured that certain Chinese, whose cotton had been burnt in the *Houwang* on Saturday night, went the next morning to the China Merchants' office in a great hurry, asking to see the manager. That official asked what he could do for them. "We wish you at once to insure our cotton," was the reply. The man stated, "Why, it's burnt!" he replied. "Do you think we don't know that?" responded the applicants—"what would be the use of insuring it if it were all safe and sound?" The manager protested, and visitors stormed. They insisted upon having their cotton insured, and we hear that one man in particular, quite impervious to reason, has vaunted his wrongs to several friends, loudly avowing his intention to make the China Merchants' Company responsible for the loss!

The Press publishes the following telegram dated London, 12th February:—

In the House of Commons last night the Government Shipping Bill was read for the first time. It defines the responsibility of shipowners; the seamen are to have a civil remedy; the surveys are to be continued; deck cargoes are to pay tonnage dues; and the load-line clause in the temporary Act is made permanent. Mr. Plimsoll partly dissented; but regarded the Bill on the whole as good.

The framework of a Government Bill retains the appellate jurisdiction of the House of Lords; two Judges are to be created life peers, and are to act as assessors.

The obituary list includes the name of Mr. Reverdy Johnson, of the United States.

LOSS OF THE "SURPRISE."

The *Japan Gazette* of the 5th instant contains the following:—

Another of those accidents which often happen to vessels, in sight of port, so to speak, has occurred. The victim in this instance is the *Surprise*, an American ship, Captain Johnson, (shields pilot) with 1400 tons of cargo on board. She left New York on the 26th September, and is thus 131 days out. Yesterday morning, and about 10 o'clock, she ran right on to the Plymouth Hook, where she now lies a total wreck, and full of water. At 5.30 p.m. yesterday she appears to have been in charge of a detachment from the crew of the Japanese man-of-war *Fusiyama*. The weather was very heavy at the time of the shipwreck, and a gale of wind was blowing. As the ship *Western Chief* passed, the bows of the *Surprise* were well up on the rocks. The chances are that most, if not all, of the cargo will be saved. We shall shortly be in possession of further particulars.

No further information (says the same paper of the 7th) respecting the wreck of the *Surprise* is to hand. The strong wind prevailing during the early part of the day has been likely to take her off the pinnacle rock where she was wrecked. If so, she has probably sunk in 31 fathoms of water. The *Japan Mail* says:—It appears that the vessel was beating up the gulf when the weather became so squally that she had to turn down the bay for shelter, probably trying to get in to Kanada Bay. Owing to some error of judgment, she was put on to the rocks on which the unfortunate *Hayama* struck, and it is feared will become a total loss. Efforts are being made to save the cargo, which are likely to be attended with success if the weather continues favourable; but there is great danger of the vessel slipping off the rock into deep water if it should come on to blow. The *Surprise* had on board 450 tons of general cargo, 123 tons of anthracite coal, and 16,500 cases of kerosine oil. 1/6 may add that when the consignees gave information of the disaster to the *Kuncho*, every assistance was promptly offered; and messengers were at once despatched to the scene of the wreck, with orders to the local officials to render all possible assistance. The Light-house Department also kindly offered the use of one of their steamers if required.

We cut the following from the log of the yacht *Peerless*, published in the Shanghai *Courier*. A few gentlemen ventured on a trip in the above-named craft from Chinkiang to Wuhu, and as they tell us something of the port on the Yangtze which may soon be opened, it is interesting:—

And February, 5.30 p.m.—rounded the sand-spit, which makes a junk-harbour of the mouth of the Wuhu river, anchored in two fathoms, after having grounded the centre-board, in trying to get too far up the river, which was full of junks.

3rd February, 1876.—8 a.m.—Got out drift, and pulled up Wuhu river against the flood stream. River deep and clear about fifty yards wide and three fathoms deep; with banks twenty feet high showing

with two tiers of big junks of all shapes, with the inevitable gunboats with their blue and white awnings, preying on the poor and battening on the pestiferous ilkin. After half an hour's pull we landed at magnificent double water-steps by granite, with fine piers like those in the Thames Embankment. A short street with mean shops on either side, led from the steps into a vast enclosed space covered with ruined walls, almost level with the ground; a waste of broken bricks and carved stones. Walked on about half-a-mile farther up the river bank, past some fine buildings, all new, and turned up a small street inland, and found ourselves at a narrow gate in the City Wall. Entered, climbed up the wall inside, and walked all round the City which we estimated at 2½ miles' circumference. Found the wall much dilapidated in places, needing a good deal of scrambling. The main street, running East and West, a fine one, nearly double the usual width; all shops and buildings new. The Western suburb, between the city proper and the Yangtze, about as large as the city and apparently very flourishing; the site well-observed on the southern edge of a range of hills. Bought a few necessities, returned to the *Peerless*, and at 0.30 p.m. weighed and started down stream.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report, for presentation at the Seventh Ordinary meeting of the shareholders, to be held on the 17th inst:—

The General Managers have now to submit to the Shareholders the Annexed Statement of the Business of the Company for the year 1874 a net profit of \$184,760, and for 1875 a Balance of \$218,624.68 at credit of the Working Account.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Profit for the year 1874 has to be appropriated as follows:

50 per cent to Reserve Fund (thus increasing the same to \$607,202).....\$55,428

20 per cent to Contributing Shareholders (amounting to 21.275 per cent on contribution).....\$36,992

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The Working Account for 1875 shows a Balance of \$218,624.68 in favor of the Company; from this however nearly \$20,000 will have to be deducted to provide for losses ascertained up to date.

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Adjuncts.—The departure of Mr. F. W. Mitchell caused a vacancy which has been filled by the appointment of Mr. A. Coxon, and he and Mr. Henry Smith are recommended for re-election.

JARVIS, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1876.

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

15th February, 1876.

OBSTRUCTION.

The occupant of house No. 110, Wing Lok Street, was summoned for causing obstruction to the public road by packing rice thereon. Fined \$5.

Another delinquent residing at No. 111, Praya Central, was fined \$5.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Yim Asing, a hawker, was found in possession of a quantity of copper wire for which he could not account. Fined \$5, in default three months' hard labour.

ASSAULTS.

A watchman of the name of Sarboolan Khan, in the employ of Dorabjee & Co., was fined \$2 for assaulting a woman at British Kowloon.

LARCENY OF OPIUM.

Hossein Hassan, seaman on board the S.S. *Quator*, was again brought up for stealing a ball of Malwa opium on board the steamer. The prisoner had been remanded since the 24th January last, owing to the absence of the steamer. The Chief Officer, Mr. Korthright, and a quarter-master named Hayward having conclusively proved the charge to-day, the prisoner was sent to four months' hard labour.

A DISOBEDIENT SERVANT.

Hong Aitun, chair-coolie to Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon, was summoned by his employer for misconduct as a domestic servant. The complainant stated that on the 15th instant he and his wife were out for a walk, and the defendant was carrying Mrs. Ayres' chair. He was told to go slower, but he would not do so. A friend who was walking with the complainant put his hand on the chair to make the bearers go slower. The defendant turned round and raised his fist, muttering something as he did so. He went slower for a time, but again increased his pace, so that the complainant could not keep up with the chair. When he was told to put the chair down, he let it down with violence, and frightened Mrs. Ayres considerably. There were only two coolies to the chair. He let it down purposely, and he had done the same thing before, so that the complainant had to send him to the Registrar General. Whenever he carried Mrs. Ayres out, the complainant could not keep up with the pace, but whenever he went out with the doctor's own coolies, he would not go at all and had once said "more better you have four coolies." He received \$8 a month. The defendant was fined \$10, in default one month's hard labour; the current month's pay was ordered to be forfeited. The defendant went to Jail.

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Adjuncts.—The departure of Mr. F. W. Mitchell caused a vacancy which has been filled by the appointment of Mr. A. Coxon, and he and Mr. Henry Smith are recommended for re-election.

JARVIS, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1876.

A DESERTER.
Lam Ayul, cook on board the Siamese barque *Morning Star*, was charged with leaving the ship without permission. He was on the ship's articles and was paid \$5 a month, but he asked for \$8, and left the ship on the 8th. On the 11th he was summoned to court, and the case was adjourned to-day by Mr. Justice Snowdon till next Tuesday, the parties being referred to the Harbour Master to have the question of desertion decided. The defendant would not go, so Captain Edelfsen had to give him in charge. The defendant said the Captain gave him only \$5, and told him to go away. Mr. Russell committed the defendant to gaol, and he was to be at the order of the Captain, provided the term was not longer than three months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. Mr. Justice SNOWDON.)

15th February, 1876.

Leong Asai v. Garosanz, \$7.—The claim was against the master of the steamer *Gunga*, which had left the harbour service of the summons. The plaintiff sued for balance of one month's wages at \$10 as a seaman on board. Judgment for the plaintiff.

Leong Akce v. Same, \$7.—This was a similar claim to the last. Judgment for the plaintiff.

George Dodds, M.D., v. R. Duncan, \$12.50.—The major claim had been settled, and the only question was in reference to the costs of summons, &c., amounting to the sum now claimed. His Lordship asked what had been done in the matter. Mr. Brereton, he understood, appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. Wotton, of the office of Messrs. Caldwell and Brereton, being in Court at the time, said he understood the case had been settled.

His Lordship said, that being so he would not inquire further into the matter.

Lum Ayul v. Edelfsen, \$86.—This was a claim for wages as cook on board the Siamese barque *Morning Star*, of which the defendant was the master. The defendant urged that the plaintiff had deserted from the ship on the 8th, and that the master had been reported to the Harbour Master. He asked for \$3 a month, and when he was paid \$5, he deserted the ship. He was on the ship's articles. Under the circumstances, his Lordship adjourned the case till Tuesday next, with the view that the question of desertion might be decided by the Harbour Master.

Look Chan Sang v. Anbury, \$41.00.—The claim was for clothes supplied to the defendant, who was a master mariner out of employ. Judgment went by default.

China.

SEANGCHAI.

(N. C. D. News.)

The steamer *Cheong*, now discharging her cargo at the Hongkong Associated Wharves, has landed ten Krupp guns, with their appurtenances, for the Chinese Government.

We are glad to see M. Brenier de Montmorand named as likely to be Minister of France at Peking. M. Brenier was somewhat stern on one occasion, in his action towards the members of the French Municipal Council, during his term of office as Consul-General at Shanghai; but that very evidence shows him well qualified for the post of Minister at Peking, where decision of character is especially needed.

We hear a report of some disturbance having happened on board the C. M. S. *Paulah* on her way up the river. Rumour says the *Paulah*, having succeeded in crossing the shoal at Olyphant's Island, was about returning the lighter to *Fungshun*, when the Chinese passengers on board objected vehemently to the detention. But the rumour is indistinct, and we do not hear to what extent the "objectionists" went.

There was a rumour some days ago among the Chinese of another disturbance in Yunnan. We did not mention it at the time because we could not trace it to a reliable source. But curiously enough, a correspondent writes to-day from an outpost:—"I have a presentiment that something has occurred in Yunnan, but cannot think what it can be. I have been asked several times whether I had heard anything, and when I answered, 'No' and rejoined with a similar question, my mandarin friends always answered, 'neither had they. I am not, however, satisfied that they replied to me as truly as I did to them.'"

It would be a great deal to persuade us that the Peking Government were parties to any attack on the present mission. They have had far too much trouble about the first outrage. But it is just possible the Yunnan Authorities have conspired to get up another mob riot, as a proof of "popular uprising" and "inability to restrain the people" on the first occasion. The rumour, however, reached us in the vaguest possible shape, and we should not have thought it worth mentioning but for the curious coincidence of the letter we have quoted. In the meantime, we do not entertain the least apprehension that any harm will be allowed to come to the members of the mission. The riot, if there has been such a thing, will only be wanted by the officials as confirmation of evidence—to help themselves out of, and not to imbue themselves further in the mire.

The steamer *Nevada* has on board 43 packages of Gatling guns and their appurtenances, consigned to "Lew, war-tax collector, Shanghai."

We hear a report that the C. M. S. N. Co. have purchased the steamers *Cheong*, *Lord of the Isles*, and *Galley of Lorne*. If so, this would go to confirm the report that the C. M. S. N. Co. purpose starting a line shortly to England.

We understand that the British ships of war, *Narcissus* (35), *Newcastle* (25), *Togo* (31), and *Immortalite* (23) have been detached from the Squadron now sporting the Prince of Wales in India, and are to visit Hongkong and Shanghai forthwith. Perhaps the Chinese may herein find a hint. All the vessels are frigates, of about double the tonnage of the *Thalio*, and with 450 times the armament.

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Messrs. Haslam, Smith, Case and Ramsay, were elected Municipal Councillors for the ensuing year.

NEWSPAPERS.
We extract the following from Messrs. Knight & Co.'s Circular of the 1st January:—The business transacted at the last Consular fair was unsatisfactory; the only piece goods sold being 8-lbs. T-Clothes at Tls. 1.80, and 9.12 lbs. Grey Shirtings "Tunisin" Chop at Tls. 8.00—showing a loss in each case to the seller. Other descriptions were quite neglected, and the stock of Heavy Shirtings at the gate is said to be excessive. It also has been ascertained that the loss to Chinese by the autumn failures in Corea will amount to some Tls. 15,000. Heavy Shirtings with us are consequently depressed, but may improve after the Chinese New Year.

Japan.
PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.
(Gazette.)
The *Choya-shimbun* states that the preparations for war are nearly completed. It is reported that Corea is throwing every obstacle in the way of the special Envoys in their attempts to arrange an amicable settlement.

The *Hochi-shimbun* says that the base of operations for the Korean Expedition will be established in Osaka. Eight battalions will be shortly sent on to Shimonoeki, and two more battalions, one of which is stationed in Takamatsu Camp and another in Hiroshima Camp, have been ordered to make preparations for going to the island of Tsushima. The Fukuoka-ken officials are very busy arranging for commissariat supplies, and they have already collected 80,000 *Wolsa* of rice.

The Government has ordered 70,000 pairs of straw sandals for the use of the troops forming the Korean Expedition.

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A. MEYER, Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, February 4, 1876. feb4

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G. B. EMERY, Acting Agent, Hongkong, February 3, 1876. mel

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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OLYMPHANT & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, January 6, 1875.

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ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE.

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ADOLF ANDRE, F. D. SASSOON, Liquidators, Hongkong, December 20, 1875. apl

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A. MACG. HEATON, Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

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GELMAN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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LANDSTEIN & Co., Hongkong, November 1, 1875. my1

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

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